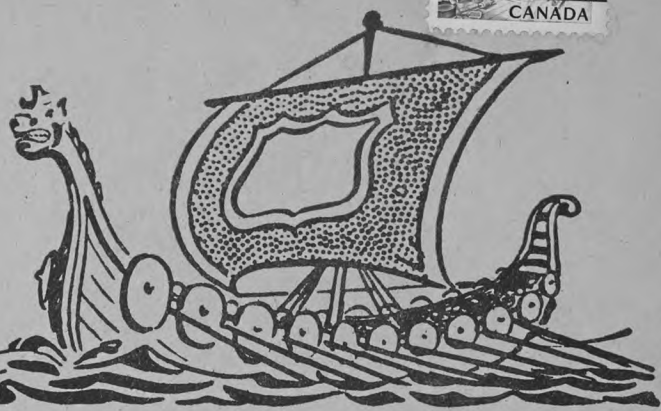




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SCANDINAVIAN PICNIC JULY 1

IT'S UP TO YOU ---

WHAT'S POLLUTION?

Everyone has his own idea on pollution, but it pays to sit back for a moment and look at the wide range that the word means.

Just a few descriptions of pollution include:

- dirt
- fifth
- man-made waste
- volcanoes
- pollen
- automobile exhaust
- burning of fuel for power and heat
- burning wastes
- sand, gravel and cement operations
- atomic fallout
- detergents
- jet aircraft
- insecticides
- pesticides

Here's what you can do

1. Learn the facts about pollution in your area and what is being done about it.
2. Support laws and by-laws to control pollution.
3. Support the construction of adequate sewage treatment facilities.
4. Encourage local industries in their efforts to clean up their own wastes.
5. Get behind conservation groups and other organizations in their fight against pollution.

Consumers who wish to switch and fight phosphate pollution have two alternatives: firstly, since most powdered detergents are in a similar phosphate range you may select a liquid laundry detergent or use a soap product.

The Canadian Appliance Manufacturers Association offer the following tips on using soaps in automatic washers.

- Use really hot water - at least 140° F for wash and use warm water for rinse cycle.

- Use enough soap to maintain unbroken head of suds at least 2 inches deep for the entire wash cycle to prevent redeposit of soil.

- If water is hard, use a chemical water softener such as washing soda, borax or ammonia for both wash and rinse. Experiment and use as little as possible of both soap and softener.

A 13-page booklet titled "Everybody's War" is available free from Information Services, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, Ottawa. It deals with water pollution and is an extremely effective presentation. Its opening sentence is a chilling one: "Water pollution has probably killed more people than all the wars in history."

Write for it.

-Canadian Consumer.

ICELAND FEATURED ON "UNIVERSITY OF THE AIR" SERIES

Professor Harald Bessason, professor of Icelandic Language at the University of Manitoba, will give 5 lectures on the 'University of the Air' series beginning May 26 at 7 a.m., on CFRN-TV. The series will run for 5 consecutive Tuesdays and his topics are as follows:

1. The Discovery and the Settlement of Iceland.
2. The Ancient Religion of the North.
3. The origins and Development of the Old Icelandic Literature.
4. The Viking Age and Early Explorations of the Western Hemisphere.
5. Iceland and Canada.

Cheryl Bakke Crowned S/N Queen

This year the Sons of Norway Queen representative was selected at a contest held at the Scandinavian Centre on the evening of Tuesday, April 28th.

Mr. Inge Anderson and Mrs. W. Nielsen were in charge of the arrangements for this event.

Six candidates entered the contest and were judged on their poise, personality, talent, and beauty. For the first part of the contest, the girls met informally with the judges (Mrs. Dent, wife of the Mayor, and Mr. Dave Ward, city alderman).

The talent section of the contest was conducted in the Viking Room at the conclusion of the Lodge meeting. The following girls competed: Cheryl Bakke sang a solo and accompanied herself on the piano; Maureen Bishop danced the Rheinlander with Bob McNaughton as partner; Janice Dyrland played a piano solo; Carol McDonald danced; Brenda McIntosh played a piano solo; and Sharon Sorenson sang a solo to her own organ accompaniment.

The judges announced that it had been a difficult task to make the final decision as all the girls had performed well.

Cheryl was crowned Queen at Lodge Queen and was presented with a lovely bouquet of flowers. Sharon Sorenson was named the runner-up and presented with flowers.

The other girls each received a corsage.

Cheryl will be crowned Queen at the Syttende Mai Fest, on Saturday the 16th of May at the Centre.

The time for our annual Scandinavian Day or "Picnic", as it probably is better known, is once again drawing near.

The Scandinavian Day this year will be different from previous years, in respect that it actually takes place in two separate locations and on two separate days.

The coffee party in honor of candidates for the Scandinavian Centre Queen for 1970 will be at the Scandinavian Centre Monday, June 22nd at 7:30 p.m. The candidates and their families will have the opportunity to get acquainted and the candidates will be interviewed by judges. For any additional information please contact Mrs. Margaret Cameron at 455-2064.

The date for the second part, the actual picnic, is Wednesday, July 1st, and the place Vasa Park at Pigeon Lake, courtesy of the people of the Vasa Lodge who kindly have given us permission to use their grounds for the picnic area.

The annual fastball tournament will, hopefully, start at 11:00 a.m. with the horseshoe tournament following soon after. These are two time consuming events so we would

like to get them going on time, leaving more time for relaxing later in the afternoon.

The stage program has been scheduled at 2:00 p.m. At this time the candidates for the Queen 1970 will be introduced to the audience and after the short interview the announcement of the winner will be made. There will also be some light entertainment thrown in here and there, and after this, the games and races for the kids of all ages, followed by the rolling-pin throw and nail-driving competitions for



Retiring Queen Susan (Kauppila) Fairbairn will present the trophy to the 1970 Scandinavian Centre Queen. Pictured with Susan is the 1968 Queen Kathy Jones-Cook.

Several persons are needed to make this Scandinavian Day a success and I would greatly appreciate anyone interested in lending a helping hand, please call me at 453-1661.

Let's all keep this date in mind and join the crowd to cheer our favorites on. Pack the picnic lunch, take family and friends along and let's all have ourselves a real Scandinavian Picnic.

M. LEHTINIEMI,
for the Scandinavian
Day Committee.

the ladies and the annual Tug-of-War for the men.

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YOUNG FARMERS STUDY PRAIRIE TECHNIQUES

Young farmers from Australia, New Zealand and Scandinavia will spend their summer on Prairie farms this year to learn Canadian techniques.

More than 200 young men, members of the International Agricultural Exchange, arrived in April at Olds in Central Alberta to begin

the summer exchange, designed to give experience in farming methods of different countries.

Hans H. Kristensen of Copenhagen said some Canadian farmers cancelled their plans to accept exchange workers because of the current Prairie economic situation.

Hints On Travelling

LAST MINUTE CHECK LIST

- Passport
- Vaccination certificates
- Personal cheque book
- Travel vouchers and hotel reservations
- Travellers' cheques (record the serial numbers)
- Credit cards
- Letters of introduction
- Check your insurance
- Notify your neighbors and police of your absence.
- Suspend telephone service; milk and newspaper deliveries.
- Arrange for care of your pets, plants and yard.
- Turn off utilities
- Give a copy of your itinerary to a close friend or neighbor

BON VOYAGE to the passengers of flight 30, June 6th to Oslo and to the passengers on flight 31, departing for Copenhagen on June 26th. May it be a holiday you will always remember.

Soccer Schedule For 2nd Division

Games begin at 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 3rd - Dania vs Sport F. C. Kinsmen Pk. 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 4th - Dania vs Benfica. Coronation Pk. 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 9th - Dania vs Univene S.C. Coronation Pk. 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 12th - Dania vs 1st D.F.C. Victoria Gd. 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 21st - Dania vs Croatia Kinsmen Pk. 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 24th - Dania vs City Police Kinsmen Pk. 6:30 p.m.

JULY 3rd - Dania vs St. Albert St. Albert 6:30 p.m.

For further information please phone TAGE 475-3520.

Secretary, Ole Jensen.

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ANNUAL PICNIC

The Scandinavian Picnic will be held at Vasa Park on July 1st. The Queen Contest will be improved this year as the five contestants will be judged at the Scandinavian Centre at a coffee party on June 22nd at 7:30 p.m. It is felt that in this way the girls can prepare themselves and not have to worry about the weather. Everybody is welcome, come out for a pleasant evening and support the candidate representing your ethnic group. The crowning of the winner will take place at the picnic.

Other events at the picnic will be races, ball games, horseshoe and tug o' war tournaments.

See our ad for details on directions to Vasa Park and join us to celebrate Canada's birthday.

CHARTER FLIGHTS

Flight 30 leaves for Oslo on June 6th and flight 31 leaves for Copenhagen on June 26th. Both flights are for six weeks duration. There are some seats available on the flight to Copenhagen. If you are a shareholder and want to go to Scandinavia on the 26th of June, contact Esko Salo.

RADIO REPORT



GUNNER THORVALDSON

The 'Scandinavian Show' is heard on CFCW every Saturday morning at 10:30 - 790 KC on your AM dial. The Scandinavian Centre Report is broadcast on this program at approximately 11:25 A.M.

Gunnar Thorvaldson will be giving the report in June. If you have something of interest for the broadcast give him a call at 466-1570.

The report during July will be given by Margaret Cameron.

The lawyers' wire read: "Your mother-in-law passed away last night. Do you suggest cremation, embalming, or burial?"

Back came the man's reply: "Take no chances. Order all three."

New Slogan For UFC

"We're All We've Got" will be seen and heard throughout Edmonton this fall during the United Community Fund campaign.

The United Fund Campaign Promotion Committee under the chairmanship of Cam Perry, General Manager of CJCA, adopted this slogan because it best projects the idea that the problems of the community are best solved by the community.

The emphasis this year will be that the entire community benefits from the services of the 46 Fund agencies, and they are asking the community to support them, after all, "We're All We've Got."

FOR LONGER LIFE

The horse and mule live thirty years
And nothing know of wines
and beers
The goat and sheep at twenty die
And never taste of Scotch and Rye
The cows drinks water by the ton
And at eighteen are mostly done.
The dog at fifteen cashes in
Without the aid of Rum and Gin.
The cat in milk and water soaks
And then at twelve short years it croaks
The modest sober bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for nogs, then dies at ten.
All animals are strictly dry.
They sinless live and sinless die.
But sinful, Ginful, Rum-soaked men
Survive for three score years
and ten.

Sweden's Flag Day

Swedish Flag Day occurs on June 6. From 8:00 o'clock in the morning onwards, a multitude of blue and yellow flags can be seen everywhere, vying for honors with a golden sun in a clear blue sky. A special ceremony takes place in the Stockholm Stadium in the afternoon, complete with a parade, speeches, and the King's presentation of silken flags to various organizations and popular movements.

If there is a national flag in the world which can rightfully claim a day to itself, it is the Swedish one. Surely no other flag melts so well into the natural scene. It is striking without being gaudy.

But why is it blue and yellow? There are, indeed, many reasons. Blue and yellow are the outstanding colors in this northern land. The flowers, the chains of lakes, yellow cornfields against the blue of a summer sky, and — the blue eyes and blonde hair of the people. These are the same today as when the flag was first introduced into Sweden.

The Swedish flag can probably claim to be the oldest national standard in Europe, being precisely the same today as when it was first

introduced in the Middle Ages. However, the occasion which brought this blue and yellow flag, originally a marine ensign, into official use was a sea voyage which King Erik XIV's ambassadors were to make to England to woo Queen Elizabeth I. The scheme came to nothing, much to the chagrin of this temperamental Swedish king. With a naivety of which only Renaissance princes were capable, he seems to have melted calculated power politics into genuinely tender feelings for the English Queen, whom he had never seen.

But the flag prescribed for the trip had come to stay. And it still waves today from Swedish flagpoles.

Actually, however, the yellow cross on a blue field dates from much earlier times. This was the flag adopted by Constantine the Great, after a vision of a yellow cross in a blue sky with the motto "In hoc signo vinces".

Today his cross shines in a Swedish sky as a token of more than 150 consecutive years of peaceful relations with the rest of the world.



Olaf Sveen's next record on the London label will be released in mid-June and will be called "Salute to Scandinavia."

The picture on the front cover shows the Scandinavian Centre in Edmonton, with four girls represent-

ing Denmark, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, standing on the steps in national costume.

The music features waltzes, schottishes, polka's and also a wedding march from Telemark.

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EQUIVALENT AMOUNTS

Many foods are sold by weight, and packages to measurable Guelph, suggest clipping this list but most recipes are in terms of amounts. Home economists, MacDonald Institute, University of and keeping it handy for quick reference.

WEIGHT	APPROXIMATE MEASURE
Apples	1 pound
Bananas	1 pound
Berries	1 quart
Cheese, Cheddar	1/2 pound
Cream Cheese	3-ounce package
Cottage Cheese	1/2 pound
Heavy Cream	1/2 pint
Flour (all-purpose)	1 pound
Lemon Juice	1 medium lemon
Lemon Rind	1 medium lemon
Orange Juice	1 medium orange
Orange Rind	1 medium orange
Potatoes	1 pound
Raisins	15-ounce package
Sugar, White	1 pound
Sugar, Brown	1 pound
Tomatoes	1 pound
Walnut Meats	1 pound

Say: CHIMO!

(Pronunciation: CHEEMO!)

CHIMO! is our new all Canadian Toast. When Canadians raise their glasses, they should now say: CHIMO!

For decades we have been using other countries' toasts — Cheers! Skoll! Salut! A votre santé! Bottoms up! etc.

CHIMO! is an old Eskimo greeting. When two Eskimos meet on the tundra of the Arctic, each rubs his chest in a circular motion and says: CHIMO! ('Are you friendly?'). The answer is a repeat of the gesture and the word CHIMO! ('Yes, I am friendly').

Let's say CHIMO! Explain it's meaning to those who inquire and let's be hospitable towards visitors.

Woman (to salesman at door): "No, I'm not in the market for a vacuum cleaner — but try next door. We borrow theirs and it isn't in very good condition."

Mountaineer: "My pa lived to be 88 and never used glasses."
Friend: "So what? Lots of people drink from the bottle."

Sign in outskirts of small western village: "Please drive carefully — don't insist on your rites."

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JUNE 14 — Picnic at Area 1, Victoria Park at 2:00 p.m. If the weather's favorable, everyone is invited to join in.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Icelandic Society is planning a cook book. They would appreciate receiving your very special recipe in any of the usual categories. The name of the sender will appear with the recipe. A special section on Icelandic Foods will be featured. Recipes in this category will be most helpful.

Make this a personal contribution. Please mail the recipes, today, to Mrs. Don Shaw, 15105 - 77th Avenue, Edmonton.

The next meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary will be held on Monday, June 1st, 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Pearl Valgardson, 6515 - 112A St. A most cordial invitation is extended to all those interested in this project to attend.

Beginning Tuesday morning May 26 at 7:00 a.m., University of the Air on CFRN-TV will feature Prof. Harald Bessason of the University of Manitoba in a five part series on Iceland. The weekly programs will include the following subjects: The discovery and settlement of Iceland; The ancient religion of the North; The origins and development of the old Icelandic literature, The Viking age and early explorations of the Western Hemisphere; Iceland and Canada.

Barney Eyford, life member of the Icelandic Society, who broke his hip last fall, returned to his home in Hay River, N.W.T. at the beginning of May, after a stay in the Nursing Home in Athabasca.

Bernice and Bill Mitchell from Toronto were visiting Gunnar and Shirley Thorvaldson on April 29 en route home from Vancouver. Bernice is Gunnar's sister.

Don and Pat Pettigrew, daughter and son-in-law of Helen and Harold Halldorson, have moved to Vermilion as a result of a promotion for Don with Canada Packers. Pat is working with the Dept. of Agriculture there. The Pettigrews holidayed in Vancouver in May.

Belated birthday greetings to life members Johanna Janssen of Red Deer; Mrs. Gudbjorg Keye of Qualicum Beach, B.C.; and Mr. Arnie Bardal of Innisfail, Alberta.

Jon and Hrefna Thorhallson of Red Deer were house guests of Phyllis and Marino Kristjanson for a weekend before they left for Vancouver for the summer, where Jon will be undertaking research at the University of British Columbia.

Della Roland accompanied the Edmonton Youth Orchestra on its weekend to Calgary, May 1-3, where it performed with the Calgary Youth Orchestra in the Jubilee Auditorium there.

Martha Arnason visited her mother Mrs. Hogan and two brothers and family in Aldergrove, B.C., for two and a half weeks in May. Vince Hogan, her nephew, returned with Martha to visit for a few weeks. Vince has received a scholarship to Carleton University in Ottawa for next fall.

Pauline and Alex Mitchell visited friends and relatives in Vancouver, Victoria and the Okanagan Valley while vacationing in April. Alex also attended a meeting of Canadians while in Victoria.

Mrs. Esther Watson, Clara Jonsson's mother, who had an operation in St. Boniface Hospital two months ago, has now been released, and plans to go back to the farm in Scotch Bay, Man.

Mrs. Jean Thorlakson's sister Pearl and husband Elmer Cook from Co-mox, B.C. visited with Barney and Jean for a couple of days in May while en route to Manitoba for a holiday.

Lois Jonsson, who broke her leg Feb. 20, had her cast removed May 12, and is glad to be moving about freely again.

Gus Roland, treasurer of the Society, is in University Hospital. Members of the Society and Choir wish him a swift recovery.

Mrs. Bill Halldorson and a friend, Mary Turnbull, enjoyed a week at Radium Hot Springs where they had a most relaxing holiday with very few people around and the pool superb. They would recommend it to anyone who wants to get away from the hustle and bustle. They visited the Jakobsen's who own and operate the White House Motel and Campsite at Edgewater, B.C., 6 miles from Radium on Hwy. 95. There is a beautiful wooded spot for camping, bordering on the Thompson River, with 38 acres of safe land for children to explore.

Good fishing for char, rainbow and cut-throat trout is available within a few miles. There are cabins and cabanas for rent, and they even boast a sauna. Tody and Mary had coffee with Margaret and enjoyed a most hospitable and pleasant afternoon, and wish them every success in this, their second year of operation.

Dave and Gloria Eyolfson have recently moved to Vancouver, where Dave has a position with

Bell Telephones. They lived in Edmonton for 5 years. Dave was employed with the Edmonton Public School Board as Payroll Supervisor.

Born to Bob and Marie Halldorson, a son Robert Gregory on April 20, a brother for Karen and Dena, and a grandson for Bill and Tody (Amma and Afi Halldorson).

Mr. and Mrs. G. Finnbogason of Winnipeg enjoyed a two week visit with their son Chris and family. Mrs. Finnbogason is a sister of the late Paul Bardal whom we all remember as an alderman in Winnipeg for many years.

Herb and Phyllis Vigfusson spent a week visiting with his brother, Norman, in Chaney, Wash.

Gunnar and Shirley Thorvaldson went to Missoula, Montana on the Victoria Day weekend to visit Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tillemann. Mrs. Tillemann is Gunnar's sister.

The six week course in the Icelandic language ended in mid-May. The participants enjoyed themselves immensely, and although none became suddenly proficient in the language, some progress was made. Haukur Melax was a great help to the amateurs, especially in pronunciation, and his slides of Iceland, and information about the history, literature and lore of the land, greatly enhanced the lessons.

Most of the students are keen to carry on in the fall, and if there are others in the Society who would like to tackle this horrendously difficult language, please indicate your interest either to Gunnar Thorvaldson or Lillian MacPherson. We have kept a list of those who wanted to, but were unable to come this spring.

Phyllis Kristjanson's niece, Janet Green, from Prince Albert is living with Marino and Phyllis for the summer while she works in Edmonton.

Dale Valgardson, Earl's nephew from Gimli, stopped in with Earl and Pearl on his way north to work for the summer.

Louise Shaw, youngest daughter of Don and Mickey Shaw, set a new Saskatchewan record in the breast-stroke for age 10 and under at a swim meet at North Battleford in early May. She won 2 gold medals (first) in the I.M. and breast-stroke and 2 bronze medals (third) in the butterfly and free style.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA

The regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was held Saturday, May 2, in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre, Vice-chairman Helge Erickson presiding.

Members reported as sick include Evelyn Modin, Joyce Kay, Don Johnson, John Jarret, and Gust Lungren.

Plans for Children's Week, July 5-12 are starting to take shape. Falun Lodge will participate. Paula Lindberg is in charge of arrangements, and will be glad to answer any inquiries.

Volunteers are needed at Vasa Club to help face lift the old clubhouse. The materials have been purchased so let's get them put in their proper place on the old clubhouse. Vasa Club will also feature a new sign, and sign-post at the entrance to the property.

The District Bowling meet hosted by Falun at Wetaskiwin on Saturday, April 18 was a great success. Bowlers from Lethbridge, Calgary, Meeting, Creek, Buford, Falun, and Edmonton competed for the District Trophy. It was presented by District Master John Holmlund to the Ben Peterson team of Calgary, who had a team triple of 2759. The runner-ups were very close! Second with 2745 went to the Betty Hanson team from Buford, and third, with a score of 2742 to Len Petersson's team from Edmonton. Seems to be Calgary's year for the District events.

The Scandinavian Centre will hold their annual picnic at Vasa Club again this year. Wednesday, July 1st is the date, and a queen contest will again be featured.

District Deputy Peter Johnson brought greetings from District Master John Holmlund, and the news of the formation of a children's club in Lethbridge.

A delicious lunch was served and donated by Emma Nelson, Jean Anderson, May Rushton, and Anna Sund. Following lunch, Bingo was hosted by Don and Evelyn Johnson. The lucky winners of the lovely prizes were: Anna Sund, Hansine Pierre, David Rushton, Ranghild Johnson, Martha Kay, Gust Johnson, Margaret Engvall, Linda Weiss, Helge Erickson, Esther Erickson, and \$5.00 jackpot winner Millie Weiss.

DATE TO REMEMBER

Saturday, June 6:

7:30 p.m. Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held in the Clubhouse at Vasa Club.

9:00 p.m. The Sport's Club is putting on their annual dance.

Admission is \$1.00, and The Travellers will supply the music.

Sunday, June 7:

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Texas Barbecue! Arne and Charlie Rautio will serve up pieces of pit roasted meat and trimmings for the admission price of \$1.00. Feast will be held in Clubhouse at Vasa Club.

2:00 p.m. A Summertime Picnic with events for young and old organized by Erv. and May Kurz.

Saturday, June 20:

9:00 p.m. Buford will host a Mid-Summer dance in the clubhouse at Vasa Club.

Sunday, June 21:

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. A Dessert Party put on by Hansine Pierre and Linnea Lodge. In conjunction with this an Attic Treasure and White Elephant Sale organized by Minnie Markstrom and Evelyn Johnson, all in the Clubhouse at Vasa Club.

Wednesday, July 1st:

The annual Scandinavian Centre Picnic will be held on the grounds of Vasa Club.

Saturday, July 4:

7:30 p.m. Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held at the Clubhouse of Vasa Club.

9:00 p.m. This is the evening to dust off your Klondike garb, don it and come dancing. At midnight, the Pierres and the Kays will be whomping up pancakes and coffee for all. A real preview for Klondike Days.

VASA GLIMPSES

Sweden was represented at the International Dress Tea held Sunday, April 19 in the St. Basil Cultural Centre by Esther Erickson. Esther in a costume loaned by Verna Larson poured tea for a while and reported that the event was really lovely.

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Henry and Linnea Lodge have been away on holidays.

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Bjorn and Tessa Bennstrom of Rome, Italy have had Mrs. Yvonne Kobe of Edmonton visiting them for the month of May.

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Nils and Vivianne Ohlsson with sons Kenneth and Steven have been visiting friends and relatives in the Edmonton area while on holiday away from Vancouver.

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Please don't forget that your correspondent for the next two months will be Martha Kay. Anything you want put in the paper must be in her hands by the 15 of the month. Martha's phone number is 479-3148, address 11915 - 82 st.

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SPORTSMEN'S AWARD NIGHT

Friday, May 8, all the Vasa curlers and bowlers assembled in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre. After a sumptuous smorgasbord put on by the Ladies' Auxiliary, the sportsmen leaned back in anticipation.

The curlers trophy for first place went to Gordon Samuelson's team, Harold Brown, Gilmer Berg, and Winnie Pearson. Second was captured by Carl Hartson and his teammates Bud Holmgren, Joyce Hawkes, and Margaret Berg. Ken Banks' team of Eric Pierre, Audrey Eliasson, and Barry Weiss had to be content with third. The saddest people there, and they got crying towels to prove it, were Roy Samuelson, Bud Banks, Lorraine Lindberg, and Oscar Pearson. The president for the 1970-71 curling season is Joyce Hawkes, and secretary is Clifford Lindberg. Anyone interested in curling is asked to let either Joyce or Clifford know.

The bowlers received their awards next. The winning team was Marvin Weiss'. The teammates were Marvin and Linda Weiss, Jim and Lorna Stump, and Barry Weiss. Second place went to Leonard Eliasson's team of Leonard and Mat. Eliasson, Lorne Weiss, Dianne Pearson, and Magnus Pearson. Individual honors for high averages went to Dianne Pearson and Clarence Berg. Lorna Stump and Eric Pierre had the highest single games, while Doreen Nyroos and Leonard Eliasson won the trophies for high triple. Pins indicating perfect attendance were awarded Aune Sorensen, and Len and Joan Petersson. All bowlers not receiving awards were given key chains.

Dancing to the music of The Travellers followed.

**Volunteers Ease Load**

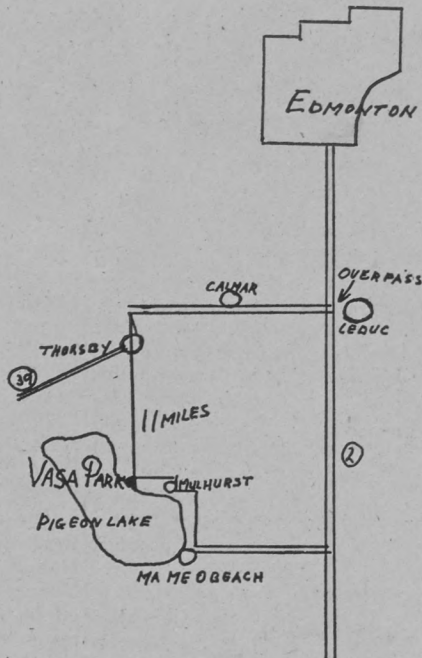
The Central Volunteer Bureau was established in 1952 to co-ordinate volunteer work in the City of Edmonton. At that time, the Junior League operated it as a project, and when it became established turned it over to a Board of Directors, made up of 16 local citizens.

The Central Volunteer Bureau is capable of providing male and female volunteers of all ages and various professions, businesses and households, who share a common interest in making themselves available for service to others. Centralization of volunteer information is considered necessary in order that the maximum use may be made of all those who volunteer. The contribution of these volunteers to the city at large is considerable and especially if a dollar sign were attached to the thousands of hours contri-

buted. Possibly as important is the volunteers feeling of "getting involved" in their community.

The Bureau sets up training courses when the need arises. It should be noted here that volunteers complement rather than replace the paid professional staff. They fulfill many useful functions such as supplying transportation, instruction in arts and crafts, tutoring, typing and numerous other duties, from helping a young Chinese boy to relate to people to sewing Klondike dresses. The teenagers also are a very important facet of the Bureau and contributed 73,343 hours in 1969.

Volunteer participation has become a major factor in today's society, and the Central Volunteer Bureau is working to meet the demands.



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BUFORD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carlson from Kelowna attended our April meeting. Four new members joined that night. They were Jo-Ann Markstedt, Beverly Kvamberg, and Gary and Reggie Jacobson. The charter was draped in memory of Mrs. Westermack who passed away in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Modin attended a Postal Zone Conference at Hudson Hope, B.C. on April 24 and 25. Floyd also attended the Postal Conference in Brandon, Manitoba.

Mr. William Sol has been taking an "Ice School" course in Calgary.

Three of our young members graduated from grade twelve at the Calmar High School recently. They were Maureen Modin, Sandra and Elaine Pearson.

FINNISH SOCIETY



Many thanks to the Finnish Society and to all my friends for flowers, cards and visitors which I received during my recent stay in hospital.

—Asser Louste.

Congratulations and best wishes to Sinikka and Wifred Cumming of Dawson Creek, B.C. on the birth of their second son on May 4th, 1970.

Mrs. Bertha Rama and Mrs. Jennie Tikkanen went on a holiday trip recently. Their first stop was at Calgary where they visited their children. Along the route and in Vancouver, B.C. they met friends, from Vancouver they journeyed to Quesnel, B.C. and were guests at the home of Mrs. Tikkanen's daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Plomondon and family. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our children and friends for their hospitality while on our enjoyable trip.

—“The two flying” Grandmothers.

The annual Vappu dance had a nice turnout. The food was good and was enjoyed by all and after the choir singing and presentation of fishing trophies everyone had nice time dancing to good music.

Many thanks to all the ladies who donated delicious dishes of food for the Vappu dance. Special thanks to Mrs. Kuusela, Mrs. Kit and Mrs. Utunen, also thanks to all who helped in many various ways (decorating, ticket selling, etc.) and for all the time and work that had

to be done to make the Vappu dance so successful.

The Suomi Choir is presently on a well earned summer holiday. The rehearsals will begin again later in the fall. Many thanks to our capable leader Matti Erkkila and also thanks to all the members of the choir. It is hoped that the fall rehearsals will be well attended too.

A speedy recovery to Mrs. Mary Karvonen who was hospitalised recently.

Iceland's Mount Hekla Erupts

Mount Hekla, a volcano in Southern Iceland, erupted May 5th hastily forcing inhabitants to evacuate nearby areas.

Two or more lava streams poured down the sides of the 4,747-foot mountain. Ashes and debris rained on farms over a wide area. At Burfell, site of a newly-inaugurated hydro-electric plant about 30 miles

from the volcano, red hot stones from the exploding mountain broke car windows.

Ash was dumped as far as 300 miles away. Farmers expressed concern that the ashes might poison their livestock, but scientists believe the danger is remote unless there is a major eruption.

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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



COMING EVENTS

MAY 30 — Horseracing, and meeting. Come out for the evening and enjoy some fun.

JUNE 21 — St. Hans Fest Picnic.

JUNE 10 — Sunray Junior Lodge meeting.

Friends and relatives celebrated Knut Svidal's birthday on May 9th. An enjoyable evening was spent with games and topped off with a smorgasbord.

On April 30th Ivor Venoasen celebrated his eighty-first birthday, taking all the family out to the Viking Smorgasbord.

Mrs. Venoasen along with granddaughter Sonja McBride will be leaving from Calgary on June 20th on a Sons of Norway charter flight to Norway.

This will be Mrs. Venoasen's seventh trip to Norway.

The Gateway Chapter of Sweet Adelines attended by Betty Travis, flew on a charter flight along with the Calgary Chorus, to Portland, Oregon. They placed 12th out of 26 entries in the competition.

Beverley Travis was on a ten day tour to Southern Alberta with the University mixed Chorus entertaining at various towns.

May 9th, James and Sharon Travis attended a swim meet at North Battleford, Sask., along with thirty-nine members of the Edmonton Bluefins. Sharon placed fourth in the breast stroke in her age group.

Kevin and Kaare Svidal, aged nine and seven years respectively, placed first in violin music in their age groups out of eighty-eight entries in the Kiwanis festival.

Dorothy Wilmore has moved recently, her new telephone number is 469-8687.

The Sewing Club has stopped for the summer months. Ladies please keep up the good work and continue making doilies, pillow cases, aprons, etc., for the handiwork, tea and bake Bazaar to be held in the fall.

SICK COMMITTEE REPORT

A speedy recovery to: Joe Lineham in University hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wibe in the Charles Camsell hospital, and Mrs. Fred Nielson who had a recent bout with the flu.

Mr. Holgar Hansen from Kitimat, B.C., was visiting with Ed. and Elva Veis.

Betty McKevitt accompanied by her mother and father, attended Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McKevitt's Golden Wedding Anniversary in Calgary.

Ed. Elva and Mark Veis recently spent holidays at Portland, Oregon visiting Elva's sister and family.

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Leif Bjornson on the arrival of a baby son.

St. Hans Fest picnic will be held on Sunday, June 21st at 2 p.m. at

Victoria Park, site No. 6.

Everyone bring their own lunch, cutlery and cups. Cool drinks and coffee will be served. Come one and all and have a fun afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Swanson held a twenty-fifth wedding anniversary party at their home on April 2nd. At a later date at the President's Ball in the Scandinavian Centre they were presented with a lovely silver tray from the Sons of Norway Lodge.

The Sunray Junior Lodge held a farewell party in honor of Judy Fairhead on May 1st at the MacNaughton home. Judy has left to make her home in Toronto.

The news reporter for next month is Mrs. Elva Veis — Ph. 476-7039.

Torske Klubben



HON. RAY REIERSON

The Torske Klubben, which meets the first Tuesday of each month, at the Scandinavian Centre, had the privilege of having the Honourable Ray Reierson as guest speaker for their May noon luncheon. Mr. Reierson delivered an entertaining and informative speech on the accomplishments of the Alberta Government Telephones and the aims and objectives of the system.

Mr. Reierson was born in Edberg, Alberta in 1919 of Norwegian parents. He was first elected to the Legislature in August 1952, and has represented the St. Paul Constituency since that time. In 1955, he was appointed Minister of Industries and Labour and during the following 15 years has administered the following portfolios:

Minister of Telephones
Minister of Education
Minister of Labour

Presently, Mr. Reierson retains two portfolios, the Minister of Telephones and the Minister of Labour. In addition to this overwhelming load, this capable Minister also administered the Department of Agriculture portfolio during the Honourable Henry Ruste's illness.

The Torske Klubben's next noon luncheon will be held June 2 with Mr. Edwin F. Marken of Camrose Lutheran College, as a guest speaker.

Scandinavian History and Culture Probed

Norwegian Program, Radio CKUA,
January 11, 1970

Olaf Sveen:
So far in our series on the history of the Northmen we have not talked very much about their religion and the gods they worshipped. Also, we are apt to think of the Scandinavian mythology as belonging to the Viking era only, but this is a mistake as this religion is much older.

Today we are going to have our first talk on the subject of Norse Mythology, and Dr. Charles Bourassa of the University of Alberta will answer questions my daughter Ingrid is going to give him:

Ingrid:
You said on an earlier program that the early Norse had almost no written records. Doesn't that make it difficult for us to learn about their religion?

Dr. Bourassa:
Indeed it does. Much of our knowledge of the Norse beliefs in Viking times comes from manuscripts written a couple of centuries later. These books were written mostly in Iceland and preserved for us today large parts of the Viking times. There are a few other sources of information, like runic carving and occasional books written by visitors to Viking Scandinavia, but the largest amount of information is in the Icelandic manuscripts, known as the Edda's. I suppose I should also say that scholars continue to argue over how we should interpret these manuscripts, but in the next few programs I think we should be concerned with the general picture of Norse religion and mythology and not worry too much about fine details. For that reason I plan on not saying much about actual religious ceremonies; not only is information scanty but we are mainly interested in what we can learn about the Norse outlook as revealed in their conceptions of the gods.

Ingrid:
It's hard to know where to begin. Do you have any suggestions?

Dr. Bourassa:
Well, we might start at the very beginning. That is we can start with the myths about the creation of the world and go from there to talk about some of the principal gods and goddesses and perhaps we can end by talking about Ragnarok, the end of the world.

Ingrid:
All right. How did the Norse think the world started?

Dr. Bourassa:
In the beginning there was nothing but a Yawning Gulf, a great void called Ginnungagap. To the north of the gap lay Niflheim (the home of cold and fog) and to the south lay Muspellheim which was full of heat and flame. A combination of these primal elements, heat and cold, somehow gave rise to a living creature. He was called Ymir and was a frost giant. He gave birth to the rest of the frost giants who at first grew out of Ymir's flesh. He is described as a creature of evil and not a god at all. It is likely that in very early times Ymir was in fact thought of as a god who created humans, but the very early mythology changed to allow Odin to become the chief god and Ymir was demoted. Soon after Ymir came into being, a giant cow also came into existence and gave nourishment to Ymir. As the cow licked the icy edges of the Yawning Gap man began to appear. The first was called Buri who somehow produced a son, Bori who married Bestla, a daughter of one of the frost giants (for the frost giants occasionally had beautiful daughters) and this marriage

produced three sons, Odin and his two brothers. Of course Odin is the chief god of the Norse in Viking's time.

The gods then killed Ymir, the original frost giant, and the resulting flow of blood was great enough to flood the Yawning Gap and drowned the cow and all the frost giants except two who managed to escape to the icy reaches of Niflheim. From these two frost giants or Jotun, as they were known, sprang numerous offsprings, who, in their icy fortress bore great hate for handsome gods, and promised themselves vengeance. Ever after the Jotun did what they could to bring down the gods.

Ingrid:
I suppose the god created the world next.

Dr. Bourassa:
Yes, the world was then built out of Ymir's corpse. His flesh became lakes and rivers. His bones, the mountains. His skull became the dome of the sky. Some say the gods created also the stars, moon, and sun out of fiery pieces of Muspelheim and arranged for them to be pulled by magical horses. After the earth was populated with animals the gods created the first man and woman by carving them out of an ash and an alder tree. These were the first people, and if you remember on an earlier program we told how the gods visited their offspring and gave rise to different groups of people, for example, the thralls, the warriors, and freemen.

Ingrid:
How was the world supposed to be arranged? I mean, the gods must have some special place to stay, and how were the humans protected from the Jotuns?

Dr. Bourassa:
The earth, that is the place we humans live on, was considered to be a kind of middle level. It was called Midgard. The vicious Jotuns also lived on Midgard but only in the region of high mountains and great cold. They were prevented from reaching the humans by a fence made of Ymir's eyebrows, although in severe winters the Jotun were thought to be able to descend on human settlements.

The gods themselves made a home high above Midgard. It was called Asgard and from there the gods could watch over all of earth. The gods travelled back and forth and guarded over rainbow bridge called bifrost.

There were also elves, creatures of the air, and dwarfs who lived in the ground.

I already mentioned that Niflheim, a desolate region of great cold was at the lowest level. This region corresponds in some ways to what we would think of as Hell, except that it was cold rather than hot. We'll have more to say about it later.

The Jotun were always ready to harm mankind. One of them who had transformed himself into a giant wolf pursued the chariot of the sun. The moon was pursued by another Jotun also in wolf form and he was able to nibble at the moon from time to time thus producing the phases of the moon. It is also said that at the northern edge of the world, in the furthest reaches of Jotunheim, a gigantic eagle sat. He was really a Jotun and was the maker of the storm winds. When he lifted his wings, the north wind blew, and when he flapped them, icy storms howled over the world and the Jotuns broke out their icy prisons and pelted the valleys of Midgard with snow and rolled blocks of ice down the mountains.

Ingrid:
Why didn't the gods destroy the Jotun?

Dr. Bourassa:
Well, the gods themselves did not have supreme power. The fate of everyone, including the gods, was in the hands of three female creatures called Norns. The Norns spun a thread of life for every living creature and all creatures had to live out their destiny as determined by the spinning of the Norns. In fact, as we'll see later, it was fated that Midgard and Asgard were to be destroyed and the gods themselves killed.

Where the Norns came from or how they came into existence is unknown.

Ingrid:
Where did the Norns live?

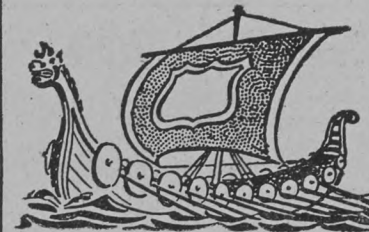
Dr. Bourassa:
That's an important point. It brings us to another important feature of Norse mythology. The three Norns lived at the foot of an enormous ash tree. The tree grew up out of the earth, or midgard. The top of the tree reached the dome of the sky and the roots went down to Niflheim. As long as this tree, yggdrasil, the world tree, lived the world would last. On top of the tree an eagle and hawk scanned the world guarding the tree. But down below in Niflheim, Nidhogg, the dragon of destruction gnawed at the roots of the tree. Worms bored the bark and animals and birds nibbled the foliage of yggdrasil, but the Norns cared for it and healed its wounds.

This tree is also important because it was on this tree that Odin hanged himself. This one of the most mystical aspects of the Norse beliefs, that is, that Odin sacrificed himself to himself. He hung for nine nights and nine days and in this way learned the secrets of runic writing and nine mighty spells. This established Odin as chief among the gods.

Yggdrasil became Odin's sacred tree and humans made sacrifices to the tree by hanging the sacrificial objects, which sometimes included other humans, on the branches of trees.

Ingrid:
So, according to the Norse, we humans live on Midgard and are constantly threatened by evil giants, the Jotuns. The gods live in Asgard and try to protect us but even the gods really have to live out their lives according to the fate the Norns have spun out for them. I guess the world tree kind of holds things together but it's constantly being gnawed at. It seems like a gloomy picture of things.

Dr. Bourassa:
Yes it does seem rather gloomy and it may reflect something of the difficulties of living in isolated communities during the long winter night of Scandinavia. However, on the next few programs we'll see a few bright spots.



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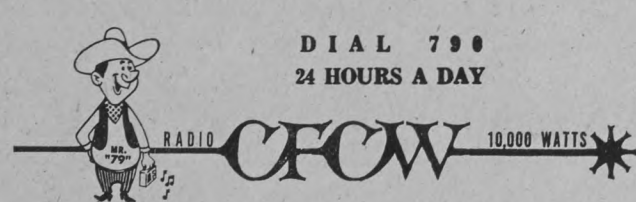
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"BIKUBEN" will meet the third Monday, June 15th, as usual at 12424 - 141 St. Hope to see everybody at this meeting, as we most likely will have holidays after that.

We wish all those people that are going to the old country for the summer a real good holiday, and hope the people coming here from Denmark will enjoy their stay with relatives and friends.

The Membership Draw at the Membership Night, April 17th, was Per Jorgensen, Mayerthorpe, Alberta, but the money was not collected. Next draw will be May 29th for \$20.00.

Remember DANIA'S Klondike Dahce on July 24th. Start making your Klondike Dresses now, so you will be ready when the time comes.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Skov entertained at a reception in their home on their Golden Wedding day, May 12th. A poem composed by Betty Pearson, gave highlights of their lives and their grandson Paul Roch proposed a toast in their honour. Mrs. Helene Arnskov assisted at the reception and the guests were served by Miss Maude Brettingen and the couple's grandsons David and Lyle Roch.

Mr. and Mrs. Skov were both born in Denmark. They were married in St. Catherine's Church, Hjorring on May 12, 1920, leaving immediately for Edmonton where they have since made their home. Mr. Skov had immigrated to the United States in 1916, then came to Alberta where he joined the 49th Battalion of the Canadian Army and served in France and Belgium in the First World War. On his return to Edmonton he established a cement contracting business which he operated for 45 years. Mrs. Skov has continued to look after her home in spite of being totally blind for the past 25 years.

The couple has one son George in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, two daughters Mrs. Dorothy Roch and Miss Betty Skov in Edmonton, and five grandsons.

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NEWS FROM THE DANISH CHURCH
CONFIRMATION
 Sunday, June 7th at 11 a.m. there will be confirmation in the Danish church. The following 10 boys and girls will be confirmed. The father's name is given in brackets. Inge and birgit (Keld Nielsen), suite 12, 4220-102 Ave. — Erik (Hans Petersen), 3834 Ada Blvd. — Anne (H. Mork), 6312 135 Ave. — Anne (Bent Riis Jensen), Box 207, RR 2, South Edmonton. — Bente (Hans Peter Hansen) RR 1, Bremner. — Bo (Hans Larsen), 15415 - 79A Ave. — Connie (Borge Hansen), 11011 - 156 Str. — Dorte (Per Norman Christensen), 7808 Rowland Rd. — Karin (Chr. Erik Hedegaard), 16021 - 94A Ave. The first part of the service will be in Danish and the second part will be in English.
SUMMER-CAMP FOR CHILDREN
 The two Danish congregation in Alberta (Edmonton and Calgary) again invite children in the age from 6 to 14 years to a summer camp at Sylvan Lake, west of Red Deer, from August 15th to August the 22nd. This year is the fourth time that the two congregations have camped together and it has succeeded very well the other years, so they hope that most of the children from last year will be coming again, bringing along more friends. The camp will be directed by Pastor C. Staal Nilesen, Calgary, Pastor Filtenborg, Edmonton, and a good voluntary staff will take care of the kitchen, activities, etc. The fee will be \$18. — including 50 cents for candy. This fee is kept as low as possible to give mostly children a chance to come. Thanks to those who are giving food donations.
 The Lutheran Bible Camp at Sylvan Lake is situated at a very beautiful spot. There will be swimming in supervised areas, games, exercises, Bible-hours, campfire, etc. At the camp there is room for about 70 children — 35 from each congregation. Registrations may be sent to Pastor Filtenborg, 10532 - 48 St., Edmonton 80, for children in the Edmonton area. (Phone 469-6123). Children should be registered not later than August 1st. The first 35 registered from each city will be the lucky ones. Further information will be mailed when we have received the registration or can be obtained by calling the pastor. Cheques should be issued to: Danish Summer Camp Fund. When you send the registration please give the following information: The child's (children's) name, the parents' names, address and phone number, the child's birthday (date and year), Alberta Health Care number, etc. Blue Cross number, and information if any special care is needed.

Many people are going to Denmark this summer and we wish them a real good trip and a happy return. Many visitors are expected here in Edmonton and we bid them a sincere welcome to the city and to the Danish church.

"What time is it?"
 "Not sure, but I know it can't be six o'clock yet."
 "What makes you so sure?"
 "I have to be home by six and I ain't home yet."
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 The husband looked pleased. "That's great judge — and I'll try to slip her a few bucks too once in a while."

Garbage Converted To Power
 STOCKHOLM — A new plant that will use garbage to produce electricity will shortly go into operation in Stockholm. This year Stockholmers will discard some 650,000 tons of garbage from which will be reclaimed about 16 million watts of electricity.
 In the new plant at Hogdalen, a suburb south of the capital, the refuse will be burned and the heat then used for generating electricity. Some of the power will be used by the plant itself but most will be sold to the municipal power company. The revenue will reduce the sanitation budget by 10 to 15 per cent. Two more furnaces which the plant will add at a later date will increase power to 22 million watts.
Dumping Space Unavailable
 Stockholm has embarked on finding new ways to dispose of garbage because like many other urban areas it is running out of dumping grounds. The problem has become serious enough to lead to the formation of a joint waste-disposal company which now plans to build ten big plants in different parts of the country. Local sanitation departments will truck garbage to special terminals where it will be containerized. The containers, in turn, will be sent by rail or road to the central disposal plants. Sanitation engineers are of the opinion that centralized disposal will mean reduced costs at local level.
 The Stockholm garbage-to-electricity project moves a step beyond a program now operating in bordering Sundbyberg. Builders of a large housing development in the community have incorporated a central vacuum garbage removal system which turns refuse into heat for the development.
 The system sucks garbage from several blocks of buildings with some 5,000 apartments to a central incinerator. Heat from the burnable waste supplements regular fuel.
 —News from Sweden.

Falcons Made History Fifty Years Ago
 The first ice-hockey game was probably played on Christmas Day, 1855, at Kingston. By 1920 hockey's popularity had spread to the U.S. and Europe. In that year the Winnipeg Falcons represented Canada at the first winter Olympics, in Antwerp. The Falcons won every game and became the first official world's hockey champions.
 The Falcons were then the best club in Canada. They had just beaten the University of Toronto team for the Allan Cup and they were true champions. Most of their players were Canadians with Icelandic origins. They had everything a hockey team required, for they were skilled, strong and speedy.
 One of the outstanding Falcons, Mike Goodman, was truly a wizard on skates. He had recently become the North American all-round speed-skating champion, and while most racing-skaters have difficulty in switching from the long to the shorter hockey blades, Mike was flashy on either. Many times in a match he would lose the puck to an opponent, then turn sharply and catch the carrier before he could shoot.
 During the tournament, Canada defeated United States, Czechoslovakia and Sweden by combined scores of twenty-eight to one.

Denmark Becomes Refuge of Jews

COPENHAGEN — “My son was brought up as a Christian. He never knew anything about Judaism until a year and a half ago.”

The words came from a participant in one of the strangest chapters of the Jewish exodus from Central Europe which began with Hitler's rise.

The man, who played a leading role in Polish cultural life, is one of about 1,400 Polish Jews who have fled to Denmark in recent months to escape persecution.

Mrs. Hannah Kaufmann, a Danish volunteer worker with the refugees, explained: “Many of these people were never aware of their Jewishness. They suddenly found themselves victims of something they didn't know existed.”

Leo Fischer, a leader of Denmark's Jewish community, adds: “The majority of these people always thought of themselves as Communists. Those who wanted to go to Israel did so 10 years ago.”

Whatever their personal feelings, all these people had to formally opt for zionism in order to get out of Poland. They had to renounce their Polish Nationality and apply at the Dutch embassy in Warsaw for Israeli visas.

With these, they were allowed to leave on one-way travel papers identifying them as “stateless persons, and without taking any money with them. About 11,000 followed this procedure, but only about half have gone on to the promised land, according to Israel.

The price for an exit visa for the Polish Jews is 5,000 zlotys (\$208 at the tourist rate). This is about twice the average monthly income in Poland.

Two factors apparently lie behind this new wave of official anti-Semitism: the 1967 six-day Arab-Israeli war and the student and intellectual unrest which hit Poland in 1968. It was then that Polish-Communist leader Wladislaw Gomułka (whose wife is Jewish) publicly referred to Polish Jewry as a fifth column.

By itself, this probably would not have been enough to cause the flight of what is now reckoned at more than half the Jews left in Poland. But in 1968, prominent and lesser Jews were dismissed from their jobs. Then the government offered all “zionists” a chance to emigrate, and set Sept. 1 as a cut-off date.

As a result, 900 Polish Jews arrived in Denmark alone in the months of October and November, and more went to Sweden, Italy, and elsewhere.

Danes were overwhelmed. They took over an ancient Canadian river boat called the St. Lawrence as an emergency reception centre. From there, the refugees have been distributed to 24 hotels in Copenhagen and 200 have found accommodation in the provinces.

“Refugees” is a funny word for these people.

Although they were not allowed to take money out of Poland they could take all clothing and much other personal property, even some furniture.

In Denmark these refugees have found not only a haven but a host people whose hearts stretch out to all victims of persecution, particularly the Jews.

The Danes won world-wide admiration during the Second World War for getting all but 500 of their

Book Review

POPULATION — RESOURCES ENVIRONMENT
Paul and Anne Ehrlich;
W. H. Freeman Co. Publishers, \$9.

The pollution manual for Space-ship Earth has finally been written. It is a terrifying book, although the authors say they didn't intend to merely frighten.

It is largely a factual book, although some will doubtless attack it as they attacked Rachael Carson's “Silent Spring.”

It is — more than any other of a recent slew of “environmental sourcebooks” — an ecological bible for the 70s.

DISCUSS LINKS
In more than 300 easy-flowing and well-illustrated pages, Paul and Anne Ehrlich discuss the links between Population, Resources and Environment which make ecology truly the “subversive science.”

The aim of the two biologists, husband-and-wife, is to describe the general state of the world and reveal the chances being taken with our lives and the lives of future generations.

Other authors have tried. But none punched the reader in the stomach quite as forcibly as the Ehrlichs.

APPREHENSIVE
For example:
“Australians are clearly apprehensive about the Asian multitudes. . . . They have reason to be fearful, since the generally unfavorable and unreliable climate over much of Australia, together with its history of disastrous agricultural practices, mean that the entire continent lacks the resources for absorbing even a single year's increment to the Asian population.

“Such an increment would quadruple Australia's population from 12.2 million to 52 million. The number of people added annually to India's population alone is more than the entire population of Australia today.”

Or how about these observations:
Every six months an area of the U.S. equal to the state of Rhode Island is covered with new construction and natural oxygen production is further reduced;
To haul the grain lost to rats in India annually would take a train almost 3,000 miles long;
If 10,000 houses per day were built in Latin America between 1969 and 1979, about one-fifth of the population will still be inadequately housed;

LIVESTOCK FEED
To feed its livestock, Denmark must import 240 pounds of protein

per Dane a year — three times the average per capita consumption in that country — and must take this protein from a world where between 10 and 20 million people die annually from starvation or malnutrition.

Can this continue? Can the world keep on “developing”, its peoples keep on multiplying? Is the Catholic economist Colin Clark correct when he writes that population growth should be viewed “as one of the instruments of Divine Providence, which we should welcome, not oppose?”

Obviously not, conclude the Ehrlichs.

Considering the way mankind behaves and the state of his technology, the earth is already grossly overpopulated. Even with draconian measures of population control, it will be decades before growth rates level off to zero because almost half the population in most under-developed countries is under 15.

“These masses of young people in the under-developed countries are the gunpowder of the population explosion,” the book states.

This is where the \$9 volume published by W. H. Freeman and Co. this month begins — with a too-large world population of roughly four billion destined to double in less than 35 years — and that is where it ends.

CHAPTERS GIVEN
Other crises in human ecology — poverty, racial tensions, urban blight, environmental decay, and warfare — are given chapters in between.

If population growth were halted immediately, all these other problems would remain, the Ehrlichs admit. But without population control, none of them can ever be solved, simply because the multitudes swell to use up any added resources.

“Farm the fishes of the sea,” say some.

“The most careful analysis indicates that the world harvest might be increased to 70 million tons or so by 1980. On a per capita basis, however, an increase of this amount would actually constitute a small decline — unless the human population growth rate were to decrease in the next decade,” The Ehrlichs write.

It is this welding of woes — resources shortage and mismanagement and environmental decay — with the population crisis that sets “Population - Resources - Environment” apart from Dr. Ehrlich's first book “The Population Bomb.”

6,000 Jewish population out from under the noses of the Nazi occupiers to sanctuary in Sweden.

They are extending the same protective concern to the new refugees, mainly through the Danish Refugee Council, a non-governmental organization — set up in 1956 to handle another iron curtain influx: refugees from the unsuccessful uprising in Hungary.

The government here gives adult refugees three dollars a day plus free housing until they are established. Refugees who were pensioners in the old country get the Danish old age pension.

—Free Press Weekly.

1000 YEARS AGO
Leif Eriksson was born in Iceland in the year 970. In the old sagas he is called Leifr Heppni (Leif the Lucky).

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BOWLING

Another Sons of Norway bowling season came to a close with a smorgasbord and dance at the Saxony Motor Inn, May 2nd.

President Stan Hafso presented the high average cups on behalf of the lodge to Louise Logan and Ed Veis, also a plaque to Louise for holding the high average for three consecutive years. Louise is the 3rd person to do so.

Ed Veis won over Arne Gulbrandsen by just 26 pins on the last night of bowling.

Peter Hansen presented trophies on behalf of the bowlers to:

Louise Logan, Ed Veis — high average.

Louise Logan, Ed Veis — high triple.

Louise Logan, Jan Nordbo — high single.

1st team — Arne Gulbrandsen, Gladys Clark, Roger Logan, Orleen Stephens, Astrid Nordbo.

2nd team — Myrle Travis, Lis Johansen, Lloyd Steen, Marion Iversen, Jan Nordbo.

3rd team — Ed Veis, Henry Logan, Maxine Thomas, Muriel Parkins, Marius Johansen.

3rd team — high single game also.

4th team (consolation) — Thor Berg, Ed Kirkhus, Nels Mjaatveit and Louise Logan.

Low game — Shirley Hansen, Marius Johansen.

Spares Cliff Johnson, Eva Berg, Kalmar Amdam also received prizes.

Ruth Logan retired after 8 years (not consecutive) as secretary of the bowling club.

Ed Veis will be the new secretary assisted by Betty McKevitt. Peter Hansen remains as president.

Several new bowlers will be needed in the fall. New or old members welcome, even if you have never bowled before.

Bowling will begin again about September 15th. Please phone Ed Veis — 476-7039 if you would like to join as a steady bowler or a spare between now and the first week of September.

SOCCER

May 1st Dania Soccer Club played a league game against St. Albert, in St. Albert. It was quite a windy day. Dania was leading 2 to 0 with Erling Hansen scoring the first goal and Jens Knudsen scoring the second. Jens Knudsen was top scorer last year in the club. Later St. Albert scored one goal and the first half ended Dania leading 2 to 1.

In the second half Dania seemed to be tired and St. Albert scored two more goals and finished winning the game 3 to 2. Dania had several opportunities to score but did not succeed.

May 6th Dania played against Benfica in a Dragoon Cup game at Clarke Stadium and Benfica came ahead 1 to 0 on a penalty kick. Later in the first half Greg Miles scored one goal with Peter Jensen assisting him and the first half ended 1 to 1. In the second half Benfica scored one more goal. Later in the half Erling Hansen got injured and left the field, however, the injury was not serious. The game ended with Benfica winning by 2 to 1 goals. Dania was then out of the Dragoon Cup. Our coach Kalman Nagy is going to give us some more training so we will be better prepared for the next game.



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